

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE: : Case No. 05-44481
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DELPHI CORPORATION, : One Bowling Green
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Debtor. : New York, New York
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May 29, 2008

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DELPHI CORPORATION, :
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Plaintiff, :
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Adv. No. 08-01038
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v. :
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
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Defendant. :
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DELPHI CORPORATION, :
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Plaintiff, :
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Adv. No. 08-01232
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v. :
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APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT, et al, :
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Defendants. :
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DELPHI CORPORATION, :
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Plaintiff, :
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Adv. No. 08-01233
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v. :
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UBS SECURITIES, LLC, :
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Defendant. :
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TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER
INTO LEASE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN WARREN, OHIO
MOTION FOR ORDER SUPPLEMENTING SECOND DIP EXTENSION ORDER
MOTION FOR OMITTED CONTRACTS ASSUMPTION PROCEDURES
MOTION FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION, MOTION FOR PRETRIAL CONFERENCE
EMERGENCY MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHORTEN TIME
MOTION TO AUTHORIZE EXPEDITED DISCOVERY AND TRIAL
MOTION TO REMOVE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE
MOTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF ALL FEES
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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1 THE COURT: Okay. Delphi Corporation.

2 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, good morning, Jack
3 Butler, Kayalyn Marafioti, Tom Matz from Skadden Arps here on
4 behalf of Delphi Corporation for its 31st time at this hearing.

5 Your Honor, we have filed an agenda and propose to
6 take the matters in the order on the agenda.

7 THE COURT: Okay. That's fine.

8 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, the first matter on the
9 agenda, matter number one, is the omnibus 8.2(b) cure objection
10 filed with docket number 13459.

11 Your Honor, this was a motion filed in connection
12 with a proceeding in connection with the debtor's plan of
13 reorganization of the confirmation order and pursuant to those
14 procedures, parties whose contracts are to be assumed under the
15 plan and who wish to assert a cure amount as a condition to
16 assumption are required to file and serve a cure proposal
17 within 45 days after entry of the confirmation order. That was
18 on or about March 10, 2008. Of all of the notices that were
19 sent out there were in fact 31 cure proposals under Section
20 8.2(b) that were filed. Of the 31, one was withdrawn for the
21 debtor's objection deadline and four have been subsequently
22 withdrawn leaving us to deal with 26 of those cure proposals
23 that are still essentially live. Of those 26 cure proposals
24 there are five cure proposals that the debtors objected to
25 because they did not comport with the debtor's books and

1 records, but there was no response filed to the objection.

2 The debtors therefore request the Court enter an
3 order modifying the cure proposal for the amount that's
4 consistent with the debtor's books and records and
5 provisionally allowing those cure proposals at the modified
6 amount. Those particular proposals are listed in Exhibit 1 of
7 the proposed order of today's hearing.

8 There are three cure proposals that asserted an
9 amount which was consistent with the debtor's books and records
10 and as to those cure proposals we ask that the Court enter an
11 order provisionally allowing those cure claims. Those
12 proposals are listed in Exhibit 2 of the proposed order.

13 There are 18 parties who filed responses to the
14 objection so that there's now a contested matter between the
15 debtors and those cure parties as to what the appropriate cure
16 should be for the assumption of those contracts. A proposed
17 order would adjourn those proceedings until further notice by
18 the debtors at a subsequent hearing. We would give notice and
19 set it for a subsequent point in time. But we're continuing to
20 work with the parties to resolve the disputed cure proposals.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Does anyone want to be heard on
22 this matter? All right. Given that at this stage the debtors
23 are seeking uncontested relief --

24 MR. BUTLER: That is correct, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: -- I'll grant the omnibus objections

1 as sought today.

2 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 Your Honor, matter number two on today's agenda is
4 the omitted contracts assumption procedures motion filed
5 originally at docket number 13029. This deals with the
6 steering half shaft business. Your Honor may recall that we
7 sent out in late March and early April approximately 150
8 supplemental notices relating to assumption, assignment and
9 cure with respect to approximately, as I said, 150 executory
10 contracts have been inadvertently omitted from the list of
11 contracts to be assumed and assigned.

12 Prior to today's hearing we had resolved all but
13 four of those and I reported to you at earlier hearings about
14 that. There were four that were remaining and the four
15 remaining has to do with SKF USA, Inc. at docket number 13344,
16 Federal Screw Works at docket number 13356, S&Z Tool & Die
17 Company at docket number 13358, and Keystone Powdered Metal
18 Company at docket number 13364.

19 Over the last several days and mostly yesterday we
20 had submitted stipulations and agreed orders that resolved all
21 of those remaining matters and that resolves, fully resolves
22 the 150 that notices have been sent out under the procedures,
23 the omitted contracts assumption procedures order. I wanted
24 the Court to be aware that in consultation with the purchaser
25 as we move towards closing tentatively scheduled at the end of

1 this quarter with this, the purchaser and the debtors have
2 identified seven additional contracts, have actually talked
3 with the contract vendees, largely utilities, and there are
4 seven supplemental notices of assumption assignment that are
5 being sent out pursuant to the omitted contract assumption
6 procedures order. We expect those are all going to be resolved
7 on consent seeing as we're negotiating on a tri-party basis
8 regarding that. To the extent that there is an objection
9 filed, Your Honor, we would bring those on at the June 24th
10 omnibus hearing in advance of the proposed closing date.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I think the four stipulations
12 have been entered yesterday, but if not, they'll be entered
13 shortly.

14 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor. So we're down
15 I think to the last seven, but if we do have a procedure it
16 allows us to continue to address those as we prepare for
17 closing.

18 THE COURT: Right.

19 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, the next matter on the
20 agenda is matter number three. This is the Warren, Ohio lease
21 motion, docket number 13583. This is actually one of the few
22 lease agreements that we needed to bring to Court during the
23 course of these cases because Your Honor had earlier entered a
24 procedures order at docket number 1777 earlier in the case that
25 allowed us to deal with this essentially on a notice basis with

1 our statutory committees and some other parties. This
2 particular matter comes before the Court because the
3 obligations under the lease agreement exceed \$5 million. So it
4 busted the cap, if you will. It is uncontested. It deals with
5 renewing leases involving a property located in Warren, Ohio
6 involving about 94,000 square feet. 70,000 square feet are
7 used for Delphi Packard's North American product testing
8 laboratory. 24,000 square feet are used for the advanced
9 product process development and there's an adjacent parcel of
10 28 acres.

11 The terms of the proposed arrangements including
12 options and termination rights are all outlined in the motion.
13 As I indicated, this is uncontested, Your Honor. I should also
14 point out if Your Honor is prepared to grant the relief here,
15 it will also resolve a prior lease cure claim that had been
16 filed at docket number 12956.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Does anyone have anything to
18 say on this motion? All right. I'll grant it. It's clearly
19 within the debtor's business judgment. It needs the facility
20 and the terms have been renegotiated on a basis that's
21 favorable to the prior lease and based on the status of the
22 motion. Also fair based on the current market.

23 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 Your Honor, the next matter on the agenda, matter
25 number four, is the supplemental second DIP extension motion at

1 docket number 13584. This is both uncontested and a good news
2 motion. It's brought to Your Honor as a result of
3 opportunities afforded by strong market support to the debtors.
4 It allowed us to make improvements to the structure of the
5 second DIP extension. When we were here actually getting that
6 extension approved, Your Honor appropriately asked us how we
7 thought the syndication might go. Ultimately I can now report
8 to you it not only went as expected but in fact was over
9 subscribed and that allowed us to make a number of positive
10 changes to the transaction for the benefit of the debtor's
11 estates.

12 First, the debtors increased the amount of
13 availability under the tranche revolving credit facility to
14 \$1.1 billion and decreased the amount of tranche term loan to
15 \$500 million. That would save several hundred thousand dollars
16 interest expense per month. We believe that those matters were
17 consistent with the terms of the agreement. We didn't bring
18 that particular matter to Your Honor. However, with respect to
19 tranche C, we were actually able to increase the tranche term
20 loan by approximately \$254 million. I think that there was a
21 reasonable inquiry as to whether that was within the authority
22 Your Honor had granted us. So when that was closed, and it is
23 -- this transaction has been closed and all the documents are
24 available to make that \$254 million available to us subject to
25 Your Honor's approval to that. So that was a condition of the

1 agreement. So if not, there's additional amendments we have to
2 go out and execute with respect to this.

3 There is exhibits that we do have in connection
4 with this. There are 15 exhibits. The first is Mr. Sheehan's
5 declaration in support of authorizing an increase in the
6 financing and commitments. The credit documents are Exhibits 2
7 and 3. The court documents are Exhibits 4 through 12, the GM
8 settlement agreements, Exhibits 13 and 14 and the affidavits of
9 service of this are Exhibit 15. I would, Your Honor, move
10 admission of those exhibits into evidence in this record.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Is there any objection to that?
12 All right. I'll admit them.

13 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, so in the -- as I've
14 indicated it is now Mr. Sheehan's testimony in the record that
15 indicates it. This upsizing of this tranche term loan which is
16 the authority we're seeking today will supply additional
17 liquidity to the debtors and does not negatively affect the
18 price and terms or other benefits of the financing for which
19 the debtor sought approval from the Court in April 2008. As a
20 result, Your Honor, we would very much appreciate if Your Honor
21 would grant the relief requested here.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Does anyone have anything to
23 say on this motion? No one wishes to cross examine
24 Mr. Sheehan? All right. I've reviewed the motion and as
25 Mr. Butler just said the motion seeks approval of improved

1 terms on the financing to the extent that the original relief
2 didn't necessarily give the debtors the ability to obtain these
3 improvements without requiring an order, or alternatively
4 because [inaudible] was worthwhile. In either event, I
5 conclude that the motion should be granted as an appropriate
6 exercise of the debtor's business judgment and meeting Section
7 364.

8 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

9 Your Honor, the next matter on the agenda is
10 matter number five. This is the PBGC adequate protection
11 motion filed at docket number 13585. There were two objections
12 filed by Wilmington Trust Company as indentured trustee, one at
13 docket number 13623 and the other at docket number 13652. As
14 described in our reply filed yesterday, Wilmington Trust has
15 agreed to withdraw those objections without prejudice. We have
16 a form of order that's agreeable to Wilmington Trust and to the
17 creditors committee. I'll address that in just a moment. But
18 pursuant to this particular motion, Your Honor, we seek entry
19 of an order that authorizes Dashy [Ph.], one of the debtors in
20 this case, to grant adequate protection to PBGC in connection
21 with certain anticipated inter-company transfers in an amount
22 not to exceed \$750 million.

23 Your Honor, I would point out that except as to
24 the amount, the adequate protection the debtors propose to
25 provide to PBGC is identical to the adequate protection the

1 debtors agree to provide PBGC in connection with the 2007 Dashy
2 inter-company transfer order that Your Honor previously
3 approved. That was entered on October 25, 2007 at docket
4 number 10725.

5 I also want to indicate, in connection with this,
6 that this motion does not alter the relief granted in that
7 prior order and is made in respect of unrelated inter-company
8 transfers. Your Honor may recall from the prior order that
9 these -- that granting this adequate protection is conditional.
10 When I say conditional, eventually if it ever becomes
11 necessary, there is --the rights of the parties in this case
12 are reserved with respect to whether or not the PBGC has the
13 liens they original asserted they had pursuant to which the use
14 of these funds is raising the issue of adequate protection. So
15 we think the parties' rights and the estate's rights here are
16 appropriately reserved.

17 In reviewing this, and in a motion, the debtors
18 have taken the position and the debtors believe that our right
19 to operate our cash management system under the prior cash
20 management system in these cases allows us to continue to make
21 these repatriations. They've been made consistently over the
22 course of the case. We believe it's in the ordinary course of
23 operating our business. Both the creditor's committee and
24 Wilmington Trust have expressed a reservation as to whether
25 that is the case and want to reserve whatever rights they have,

1 all rights that they have in connection with that to the extent
2 that they don't agree that this adequate protection ought to
3 continue for transfers beyond July 1st. We continue to review
4 these matters with the committee and with Wilmington Trust.
5 The proposed order that's being entered here makes it clear
6 that this order if Your Honor is prepared to grant it is in
7 fact the final order. The creditor's committee and Wilmington
8 Trust would have the right to bring the matter on for
9 supplemental hearing at the next omnibus hearing if the file an
10 objection by June 17th. That would only relate as to the
11 adequate protection matters for transfers subsequent to July
12 1st, and they would be reserving all of their rights as a
13 potential objection to argue that the motion should be denied
14 on any basis that they, going forward respectively, on any
15 basis that they might choose including contesting our
16 underlying predicate that the debtors have the ability to
17 repatriate funds without further order of the Court. We would
18 deal with that at that time. Obviously, the debtors reserve
19 all their rights as well.

20 THE COURT: This doesn't change the burden of
21 proof in the event that such an objection were made?

22 MR. BUTLER: Correct, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. BUTLER: The other piece of it is that
25 assuming -- I'm actually, as one needs to be in this case, I'm

1 the eternal optimist that we're able to work through these
2 issues to the extent there are any because this is one of the
3 three elements. This, the General Motors support agreement and
4 relating to payments that have been made in anticipation of the
5 GSA [inaudible] becoming effective and the DIP liquidity are
6 all integrated components of the company's liquidity program to
7 operate the businesses over the course of these cases until the
8 debtors emerge from Chapter 11. I'm confident that we'll be
9 able to resolve any issues here. If we can't, the order will
10 control here, but I think the more important actual comment is
11 that assuming this were, if Your Honor is prepared to grant it,
12 is not further contested as it relates to the next month or so,
13 there is still a monitoring mechanism built into the order, in
14 Paragraph 3 of the order, that provides the creditors committee
15 the right to continue to monitor any subsequent cash flows that
16 we might submit. If there are material changes in those cash
17 flows vis a vis this proposed program, the creditors committee
18 would have an independent right to object. In that case, we'd
19 come back for a supplemental hearing at that point in the case.
20 The same reservation of rights I described, the same burden of
21 proof, same issues as to future repatriation, adequate
22 protection relating to repatriation, and any claims the
23 committee wants to make in terms of going forward would be
24 fully preserved as I've described. So it provides a monitoring
25 mechanism here. I'm hopeful that with that monitoring

1 mechanism that's been negotiated with the committee and with
2 the progress the company continues to make in these cases that
3 this in fact will end up being the final order and we'll be
4 able to resolve this on these terms.

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MR. BUTLER: I should say one other thing I did
7 promise to say on behalf of the PBGC. They just want to make
8 clear today that to the extent that either the creditors
9 committee or Wilmington Trust subsequently files an objection
10 that would bring on a supplemental hearing with respect to this
11 motion, the PBGC itself reserves the right to file pleadings in
12 support of the relief requested and respond to any such
13 objection. I need to say that on the record here today.

14 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Does anyone have
15 anything to say on this motion as resolved? Okay. Obviously,
16 the motion has -- well, the resolution highlights the two
17 components of the motion. As far as the I think the protection
18 element of it for the PBGC's asserted lien, the motion and
19 order, as did the prior version of this back in 2007, makes it
20 clear that the amount of protection is only to the extent that
21 PBGC does have a valid enforceable lien, and as with the last
22 iteration of this given the terms of the stipulation that's an
23 appropriate resolution of the matter. I also conclude that the
24 resolution negotiated with the creditors committee Wilmington
25 Trust is also appropriate and I too hope that in light of the

1 monitoring mechanism and the sharing of information related to
2 it that the reservation of rights will be just that and it
3 won't bloom into litigation.

4 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 Your Honor, we now move to several adversary
6 proceedings that we filed in this case. The first of these
7 proceedings our firm is handling which is a complaint to
8 recover property of the estate, the FICA complaint involving
9 the United States Government filed at docket number 12269.
10 This is adversary proceeding number 08-01038. This was filed
11 on January 18, 2008 and it was seeking the return of
12 approximately \$26 million in overpayments of payments made
13 under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act taxes. These
14 taxes relate to payments made by the plaintiffs, that is the
15 debtors, to certain union members upon ratification of
16 collective bargaining agreements in 1999 and 2003. This
17 conference had been adjourned from time to time pending a
18 filing of an answer by the Internal Revenue Service. They
19 filed an answer to the complaint on May 13, 2008. They also
20 filed a motion to withdraw the reference of the adversary
21 proceeding at the Bankruptcy Court. That matter has been
22 assigned to District Court Judge the Honorable Kevin Castel.
23 By agreement, our response to that motion which we will oppose
24 is due on June 9, 2008, and there will be a hearing set
25 subsequent, if one's required, there will be a hearing set

1 subsequent for oral argument on that motion set subsequently
2 after the filing of that response.

3 In the interim, Your Honor, there has been a
4 scheduling order that's been worked out that was submitted to
5 chambers yesterday. We made a point of being guided by Judge
6 Castel's form of pretrial order in terms of the elements of it
7 so that hopefully it would be acceptable to Your Honor and also
8 acceptable to Judge Castel in the event that the reference is
9 ultimately withdrawn. That would set up a scheduling order.
10 I'm not going to go through all of the details of it.
11 Essentially, I think the key issue is there is an agreement
12 between the parties that would propose that the trial of the
13 proceeding be bifurcated with the initial trial addressing
14 whether there's been an overpayment of tax by the plaintiffs.
15 That is trying the issue of liability first and then once the
16 liability is determined, trying the issue with respect to the
17 amount of damages if the parties were unable to agree after the
18 liability issue is resolved. The parties would propose, if
19 they're not able to agree upon the liability phase of the
20 trial, they would propose procedures to the Court for a
21 disposition of a dispute over the amount of damages.

22 The proposed schedule begins with initial
23 disclosures on July 3, 2008 and it ends with a proposed trial
24 date that would be set at a pretrial conference, a further
25 pretrial conference that the parties would ask be scheduled in

1 February of 2009. Again, there are, as Your Honor is aware
2 presumably from the proposed scheduling order, there are a lot
3 of dates between here and there that are in the order. I'm not
4 going to read them on the record here unless Your Honor wants
5 to review them.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Paragraph 11 has a blank for
7 the next case management conference. When do you anticipate
8 Judge Castel ruling on the -- well, at least having it being
9 heard by him on the motion to --

10 MR. BUTLER: I don't have [unintelligible] our
11 answer, our response is filed as to what the chambers there
12 will actually do in terms of the next step.

13 THE COURT: You worked out a discovery schedule.
14 I don't really see much of a need for a case management
15 conference given that you are working along the schedule, so --

16 MR. BUTLER: I think we're really speaking in
17 terms of the scheduling conference in February, Your Honor --

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 MR. BUTLER: -- as the next date.

20 THE COURT: All right. That's fine. Then you
21 don't have omnibus dates out that far?

22 MR. BUTLER: Not quite yet.

23 THE COURT: Why don't you say that it will be --

24 MR. SCHWARTZ: Your Honor, I'm sorry, Matthew
25 Schwartz for the United States. I'm not sure that we had

1 actually discussed the February '09 date. The scheduling order
2 that we proposed contemplates the parties reporting back to
3 this Court, the District Court, 30 days after the close of fact
4 discovery whether or not dispositive motions will be made. It
5 seems to me that if motions are going to be made then probably
6 we'll need a status conference at that point. If motions are
7 not to be made, then that's a sensible time to have a status
8 conference. So that will be 30 days after the close of fact
9 discovery which would put us I believe into March.

10 THE COURT: Let me just check.

11 MR. BUTLER: Fact discovery is to be completed by
12 December 19, 2008 and I think that's why we had suggested the
13 February date so there's a date held at this point.

14 THE COURT: Yes, that's the expert discovery
15 that's March. The fact will be in January. Why don't I just
16 say that the next case management conference will be held on
17 the claims on the estate in February and that will be
18 scheduled. Certainly, if you don't need it, I have no problem
19 with you all contacting chambers and saying you don't need it
20 until a later date. It's really just a holding date. If the
21 reference is withdrawn for some reason I'm sure the District
22 Court will have some views as to whether it wants to hear from
23 you before then.

24 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. BUTLER: Your Honor, matters seven, eight, and
2 nine, the emergency motion to shorten time, the motion
3 authorized expedited discovery and trial and the motion
4 authorized expedited discovery and trial to shorten time with
5 respect thereto are related to adversary proceedings that have
6 been filed by special counsel. These are adversary proceedings
7 number 08-01232 and 08-1233. These matters are being handled
8 by the Friedman Kaplan firm and by the Susman Godfrey firm.
9 We're dealing with those proceedings. So Your Honor, I will
10 turn the podium over to them at this time.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Let me just say if there are
12 people in the audience who are here for the other matters such
13 as counsel for the U.S. who may already have left, I don't see
14 him again, you're free to be excused.

15 MR. BUTLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 MR. FRIEDMAN: Good morning, Your Honor. May it
17 please the Court, I am Edward Friedman with the firm of
18 Friedman, Kaplan, Seiler and Adelman, special litigation
19 counsel for plaintiff Delphi Corporation in adversary
20 proceeding 08-1232.

21 I would like to address Delphi's motion for
22 expedited discovery and trial which is filed at docket number 8
23 in this adversary proceeding. There were corrected copies of
24 the motion clean and black lined filed at docket numbers 11 and
25 12.

1 We agree, Your Honor, with counsel for the
2 defendants in this adversary proceeding that granting the
3 motion for expedited discovery and trial would impose a
4 tremendous burden on all counsel and parties but we submit that
5 burden needs to be balanced against the irreparable harm that
6 would be suffered by Delphi and the stakeholders in this
7 proceeding if the motion to expedite is not granted. There had
8 been over two years of tremendous effort in these Chapter 11
9 cases to achieve a confirmed plan of reorganization. Delphi
10 respectfully submits that if the issues raised in the adversary
11 proceeding cannot be determined on an expedited basis then the
12 claim is gone. Simply put, Delphi filed this adversary
13 proceeding because it is convinced that the plan confirmed by
14 this Court cannot be consummated without a decree of specific
15 performance and any modified plan would be materially adverse
16 to all of Delphi's stakeholders.

17 Delphi did not commence this action on April 4 at
18 the latest as defendants say Delphi should have because Delphi
19 was engaged in full efforts to achieve a consummation of this
20 plan by April 4. From the time of the 1142 hearing before Your
21 Honor in early March of 2008, Delphi, with counsel for the plan
22 investors, was engaged in confidential settlement negotiations
23 in an effort to resolve all issues that needed to be resolved
24 so that the closing could occur and the plan could be
25 consummated. Therefore, Delphi strenuously disagrees with the

1 notion that Delphi should have been prepared to file this
2 litigation on April 4. While the substance of those settlement
3 discussions is confidential, we believe the fact of those
4 discussions is not confidential especially in light of the
5 defendant's contention in opposition to the motion that Delphi
6 should have been filing this action on April 4.

7 If the proceedings in this case, including
8 motions, discovery, and trial, are not expedited, then the
9 remedy of specific performance is effectively denied without
10 Delphi's obtaining an adjudication as to whether it is legally
11 entitled to that remedy as it believes it is. Delphi is now in
12 the unfortunate situation of needing to bring this litigation
13 because the plan investors refuse to fund their equity
14 commitments on April 4, 2008. On that date Delphi, General
15 Motors, the exit financing lenders, all other parties necessary
16 for the consummation of the plan were ready, willing, and able
17 to close. Delphi had fulfilled all conditions applicable to it
18 as prerequisites to the obligations of the plan investors to
19 provide the funding that they had committed to provide.

20 Defendants now say that Delphi's claim for
21 specific performance should be dismissed because today Delphi
22 is not in full compliance with all the conditions.

23 In the first place, Your Honor, we would
24 respectfully submit that that argument, as with the other
25 arguments made by the defendants in their papers, relates to

1 whether Delphi's claims, and in particular claims for specific
2 performance, is legally sufficient. We have no quarrel with
3 defendant's rights to challenge the legal sufficiency and
4 factual merit of those claims.

5 With respect to their particular contention that
6 the motion to expedite should be denied because Delphi is not
7 in full compliance today with all the applicable conditions,
8 the fact is that to the extent Delphi is not today in full
9 compliance, the reason is because defendant's wrongful conduct
10 and breaches of their contractual obligations put Delphi in the
11 position it is in today. As a practical matter, defendant's
12 contention that Delphi today should be in full compliance
13 raises issues that we submit are just unrealistic in terms of
14 the position being taken by defendants. Delphi, for example,
15 had raised funds in connection with a rights offer. Delphi
16 made the decision which we believe was warranted and necessary
17 in accordance with its fiduciary duties to return those funds
18 to the people who had paid them in the rights offering to
19 return those funds when the plan investors' conduct made the
20 closing impossible.

21 Similarly, Delphi should not be in the position
22 today of paying millions of dollars in commitment fees to exit
23 financing lenders in order to keep the exit financing
24 commitment alive at this day. The complaint filed by Delphi
25 alleges that Delphi was not only in full compliance with all

1 conditions and ready, willing, and able to close on April 4,
2 but also that Delphi will be in full compliance with all
3 conditions and ready, willing, and able to close in connection
4 with a decree of specific performance by this Court if the
5 Court agrees with the claims asserted by Delphi, if the Court
6 agrees that the remedy of specific performance is warranted and
7 that a judgment should be entered.

8 One of the legal issues that will be determined,
9 we submit, in connection with the claim for specific
10 performance is whether the investors can profit from their own
11 wrongdoing which is exactly what we say they are trying to do.
12 Not only did the investors refuse to fund their equity
13 commitments on April 4, and not only did they send what we
14 submit is a totally wrongful termination notice on April 4, but
15 then on April 5 they submitted a second termination notice
16 asserting that because the closing had not occurred on April 4
17 they were entitled to terminate the investment agreement or the
18 EPCA as it is known.

19 The fact of the matter, Your Honor, as alleged in
20 the complaint is that Delphi is in the unfortunate position it
21 is in precisely because of the wrongful conduct by the
22 defendants which should not, we submit, give them a basis for
23 imposing further hardship on Delphi.

24 I would emphasize that Delphi is not trying to
25 foreclose the defendant's rights to move to dismiss the

1 complaint or for summary judgment. In fact, the arguments
2 today in opposition to the motion to expedite probably
3 constitute a substantial portion of the arguments that
4 defendants would make in a motion to dismiss. Delphi had
5 proposed June 13 as the date for defendants to answer or move
6 with respect to the complaint and Delphi had proposed a ten day
7 period for itself to respond to that motion. Delphi would be
8 agreeable to accelerating and shortening those time periods to
9 the extent that defendants wish to present to the Court sooner
10 rather than later their contention that the claim for a
11 specific performance and other claims in the complaint are not
12 legally sufficient.

13 In connection with the schedule that Delphi has
14 proposed, although defendants argue that the schedule is
15 unreasonably short and unworkable, the fact of the matter is
16 Delphi has proposed a longer schedule and a longer time for
17 discovery and pretrial proceedings than was the case in other
18 recent litigations also involving multibillion dollar disputes
19 such as the Solutia case in this district and the Clear Channel
20 case in the New York State Court. In Solutia, the time from
21 the filing of the complaint to trial was two weeks. In Clear
22 Channel, it was five and a half weeks. Delphi has proposed a
23 schedule which would entail approximately 11 weeks from the
24 filing of the complaint to trial. So to the extent that
25 defendants are saying there are more issues and more complexity

1 in this case, the time period, although still very expedited,
2 is significantly more than was the time period in those other
3 cases.

4 I would add that in looking at the reality of
5 Delphi's situation in this case, Delphi has proposed a schedule
6 that goes out as far as possible. The current situation for
7 Delphi and the fundamental reason why this litigation has been
8 filed is that Delphi is now in a position of impossible
9 uncertainty that is creating the potential for terrible harm
10 for all of Delphi stakeholders. At the same time that Delphi
11 is pursuing this adversary proceeding to obtain a judgment
12 which Delphi believes will enable the consummation of the plan,
13 at the same time Delphi, in fulfillment of its fiduciary duties
14 and in an effort to mitigate damages, is pursuing alternative
15 steps to try to develop a modified plan and Delphi is committed
16 to doing everything that will enable it to fulfill its
17 fiduciary duties to all of its stakeholders.

18 In effect, the defendants are trying to litigate
19 all of the issues that will have to be litigated in the course
20 of this adversary proceeding in connection with a motion to
21 expedite. The Court over the course of this case will have a
22 full record before it concerning the ability of Delphi to
23 consummate the plan. We submit as alleged in the complaint
24 Delphi was and will be ready, willing, and able to fulfill all
25 the conditions, as well as the alternatives for Delphi and all

1 of the stakeholders.

2 Under the present circumstances, Delphi is trying
3 as hard as it can to develop a modified plan. Delphi knows
4 that the plan will require re-solicitation. Delphi knows the
5 plan will be materially adverse to the stakeholders. The goal
6 is to emerge from Chapter 11 by the end of the third quarter if
7 that's humanly possible either by means of consummation of the
8 plan that has already been confirmed, or if the Court rejects
9 Delphi's claims, then Delphi and the stakeholders will be in
10 the unfortunate position of pursuing a modified plan.

11 There's no doubt that from the perspective of the
12 defendants they would like to see Delphi's ability to pursue a
13 claim for specific performance go away. Then defendants will
14 be in the position to make whatever arguments they want to make
15 about Delphi's damages.

16 We respectfully submit, Your Honor, that under the
17 circumstances here damages are simply not an adequate remedy
18 for the wrong that occurred. Not only would damages not be an
19 adequate remedy for Delphi itself, but the conduct of the plan
20 investors has caused serious damage to Delphi's creditors and
21 all of Delphi's stakeholders. The whole point, we submit, of
22 the remedy of specific performance is to redress a wrong in a
23 way that puts the innocent parties in the position they should
24 have and would have been in if the wrongdoer had complied with
25 its legal obligations.

1 For today, Your Honor, in sum, unless the
2 proceedings in this adversary proceeding are expedited, the
3 remedy of specific performance is effectively denied without
4 Delphi having the ability to litigate the legal sufficiency and
5 factual merits of its claim. We believe that when the record
6 is developed, the law and the facts will establish that Delphi
7 is entitled to the remedy of specific performance that it
8 seeks. If the motion to expedite is denied, that remedy is
9 gone, the plan cannot be consummated and there will be
10 irreparable injury to Delphi and all of its stakeholders.

11 For that reason, we submit that good cause has
12 been shown for the motion to expedite and we ask that Your
13 Honor grant the motion.

14 THE COURT: I don't understand and I want to
15 explore with you the underlying basis for the schedule which
16 will result in a trial commencing on August 1st. I guess I
17 have two questions related to that which I guess divides into
18 two points. The first is is Delphi contemplating doing
19 something other than operating normally and pursuing
20 discussions and groundwork for an alternative plan that would
21 cause the remedy of specific performance to go away after mid
22 August? I don't necessarily see that that's the case.

23 MR. FRIEDMAN: Delphi believes that if a modified
24 plan is confirmed and consummated, the remedy --

25 THE COURT: Oh, I understand that, but you're

1 talking about doing that as a goal by the end of the third
2 quarter and that's some way after August 1st and would give
3 more time, for example, for the development of specific not
4 only motions to dismiss but specific summary judgment issues,
5 for example.

6 MR. FRIEDMAN: Again, Your Honor, we have no
7 problem and we would agree the schedule should build in a time
8 for summary judgment motions. But the August 1 date for trial
9 --

10 THE COURT: It doesn't really -- I mean it doesn't
11 work out. I mean if you're going to do it, if you're going
12 have a trial on August 1st, I don't see how you could have --

13 MR. FRIEDMAN: Well here --

14 THE COURT: -- summary judgment motions given that
15 discovery is done at the end of July.

16 MR. FRIEDMAN: Here's the problem we're wrestling
17 with as a practical matter, Your Honor. My understanding from
18 restructuring counsel is that by virtue of waivers previously
19 granted by PBGC and the IRS Delphi has a window of opportunity
20 to emerge from Chapter 11 between June 15 and September 30th
21 without the need to go back to the PBGC and the IRS and obtain
22 new waivers. Whether it would be possible to obtain those
23 waivers, I don't know. That is part of the reason why Delphi
24 is doing everything within its power to develop a plan and
25 pursue this litigation so that there could be emergence on

1 September 30 at the very very latest. If there's a judgment of
2 specific performance, one of the very important issues that
3 Delphi has to wrestle with with respect to the timing of that
4 judgment, Your Honor, is that in order for the remedy of
5 specific performance to be effective, as Delphi acknowledges in
6 its complaint, Delphi would reinitiate the rights offering,
7 would redevelop the commitments for the exit financing, and the
8 notion that Delphi should do that even if it were possible in
9 advance of a decree of specific performance is highly dubious I
10 believe. For example, Delphi would have to go to the --

11 THE COURT: No, I understand the point.

12 MR. FRIEDMAN: That's why the August 1 trial date
13 ties to the September 30 emergence date in order for there to
14 be obviously time for trial and a decision. I'm not the expert
15 in these matters but it's got to be 35, 40 days to complete the
16 rights offering, have the commitments for financing. So that's
17 the position in which Delphi finds itself.

18 THE COURT: Is there any other anticipated event
19 besides the PBGC labor issue that impacts this schedule?

20 MR. FRIEDMAN: The way I would answer that, Your
21 Honor, is that I'm not aware of a specific --

22 THE COURT: Again, I'm not talking about anything
23 other than an event that would moot the specific performance
24 remedy.

25 MR. FRIEDMAN: The way I would answer that, Your

1 Honor, is that there's not a specific event that I'm aware of
2 that would moot the remedy but Delphi is in this position now
3 of tremendous uncertainty which is putting tremendous pressure
4 on Delphi to develop a modified plan and seek to re-solicit,
5 seek to confirm it, and consummate it. If the PBGC deadline
6 hypothetically were a deadline other than September 30, if it
7 were October 15 for example, then I would be talking about
8 October 15 with respect to that deadline. There's not another
9 particular event other than the ongoing cost, harm, and
10 uncertainty from the continuation of the Chapter 11 proceeding
11 at a time when Delphi believes the plan confirmed by Your Honor
12 should be consummated.

13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. As I read the
14 motion, it also, unlike at least my understanding of Solutia
15 and some of the other cases you cited, seeks an expedited
16 schedule on all aspects of the complaints including equitable
17 subordination and the fraud claim against Appaloosa. My
18 question related to that is is there a way to bifurcate that
19 issue since specific performance is what seems to be driving
20 this matter? Particularly since it's hard for me to see
21 raising money after you win on specific performance, assuming
22 you do, from lenders and people coming to a rights offering
23 when you've also potentially obtained a judgment saying that
24 your lead investors defrauded you. That to me is somewhat mind
25 boggling.

1 MR. FRIEDMAN: I believe, Your Honor, that there
2 could be the kind of bifurcation Your Honor is suggesting. The
3 issues that we believe require acceleration and expedited
4 proceedings are the issues of breach of contract and the
5 appropriate remedy for that breach, i.e. did the defendants
6 breach their contractual obligations when they failed to fund
7 their equity commitment on April 4 and is the appropriate
8 remedy for that breach a judgment of specific performance
9 ordering the defendants to comply with their funding
10 obligation? So yes, I would agree with Your Honor that those
11 issues could be bifurcated and that claims for damages and
12 other claims do not require the expedited treatment we have
13 proposed and requested with respect to the claim for breach of
14 contract and the remedy of specific performance.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Does anyone other than
16 the defendants have anything to say on this motion?

17 MR. BUCHDAHL: Good morning, Your Honor. My name
18 is Jacob Buchdahl, Susman Godfrey and we are also litigation
19 counsel for Delphi in the other adversary proceeding that was
20 filed against UBS. I'm going to rely on Mr. Friedman's
21 argument this morning. We're seeking the exact same relief.

22 THE COURT: Including his answers to my questions
23 about what could be --

24 MR. BUCHDAHL: As Your Honor is aware, we do not
25 allege a fraud claim against UBS.

1 THE COURT: Right. There is an equitable
2 subordination --

3 MR. BUCHDAHL: There is an equitable subordination
4 claim which we agree could be bifurcated and would not have to
5 be addressed on an expedited basis. The only other thing that
6 I'll point out, Your Honor, is that defendants seem to advance
7 two fundamentally contradictory arguments in their papers. The
8 first is that all of this should have been concluded by April
9 4th, and the second that all of this is far too complex to be
10 determined on any kind of quick schedule. We believe that
11 defendants are more than in a position to answer the narrow
12 contractings in this case on a schedule that would allow us to
13 complete this litigation before it's too late for Delphi.
14 Other than that, I'll rely on comments by Mr. Friedman.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. SHORE: Good morning, Your Honor. Chris Shore
17 from White and Case for ADAH and AM LP. I was standing before
18 and let me just address this on the record. We did have a
19 little dispute about the motion to shorten time to respond and
20 I got the message on the call to the Court the other day but we
21 have an opportunity to address that today.

22 While I think it's probably somewhat moot at this
23 point, I did want to start my comments with just noting however
24 this moves, it's got to move in our perspective in a certain
25 way. There are rules, procedural rules. Procedural rules are

1 very clear in your case management order. Either you file ten
2 days before an omnibus or you get everybody on the phone and
3 you call the Court and you try to figure out what day works for
4 people.

5 THE COURT: You guys did call the Court though.

6 MR. SHORE: No. I called alone, Your Honor. I
7 did not have everybody else on the phone. I do not speak for
8 any other defendant, and I wanted to be heard on that on that
9 point which is that none of the other defendants were ever
10 called with respect to this. I can't answer for them.

11 THE COURT: Okay. For the record, I gave you the
12 same answer I will give them which is that rather than have a
13 fairly half baked discussion on the phone it seemed to be a
14 better play to have the arguments, as you all have done very
15 effectively in your papers. Unlike some orders to show cause
16 that are fairly routine, this one I think did require some
17 elucidation. I'm treating this hearing essentially as I would
18 treat a contested hearing about an order to show cause.

19 MR. SHORE: Very good, Your Honor. Let me also
20 just note for the record --

21 THE COURT: The request for an order to show cause
22 that is.

23 MR. SHORE: With respect to all the people here, I
24 recognize this is a high stakes case. There are high
25 temperatures right now but there are also rules and just for

1 the record, I think people do need to follow them. Filing a
2 motion on a Friday before a holiday suggesting that there be an
3 amenability at least to consider an adjournment and then
4 showing up on Tuesday morning saying no adjournment for a day,
5 that's not an appropriate way to proceed. If we're going to
6 proceed that way, it's going to be very painful for everybody
7 and ultimately is going to work out very badly for the Court
8 who's going to be dragged into disputes like this.

9 Ultimately, the procedure that was adopted just
10 wasted a week from our perspective. Let me just say leading
11 into the motion to expedite how this should have worked. They
12 should have filed a motion to expedite when they filed the
13 complaint. It was not a secret that they wanted to expedite.
14 They could have filed it. It could have been on for today and
15 we could have had an opportunity to respond and ultimately to
16 provide Your Honor with potentially one set of papers and not
17 six sets of papers. We all could have called the Court and had
18 a discussion with how much time we needed. We could have had
19 the discussion, for example, of how long it's going to take to
20 move to dismiss these complaints.

21 Quite frankly, I appreciate the willingness on
22 their part to handle a motion to dismiss on an expedited basis
23 and I would propose that we move to dismiss on June 13th, they
24 respond on June 19th, and we file a reply on the 23rd. I think
25 we should be discussing whether or not we need depositions in

1 connection with the motion to expedite. I don't think so but I
2 do have questions which haven't been answered and some of the
3 questions Your Honor is asking today, quite frankly we're
4 getting new facts with respect to the expiration of the PVDC
5 waiver. We should resolve intervention issues. We should
6 resolve the consolidation issues. We should have a Rule 26(f)
7 conference so that we can talk about how this is going to get
8 down, and we should come back on the Rule 16(b) conference
9 which is set on 6/24 to set the schedule. All that does is
10 that it delays that -- if Your Honor says at that point no,
11 we're going ahead, we're going on the two months schedule,
12 we've delayed it for three weeks, but at least Your Honor is
13 doing it on the record with a full understanding of the issues
14 that are going to be raised in connection with the motion to
15 dismiss, the scope of discovery, and everything else; who's
16 going to be a party to the suit, whether the suits are going to
17 be consolidated. All that is before you and it allows you to
18 make a judgment as to whether or not an August 1 or at that
19 point August 23 deadline is in fact realistic. But starting in
20 the papers that are filed on a Friday and then papers that are
21 brought in on the morning of the hearing and trying to decide
22 and exercise your discretion with respect to the evidence in
23 front of you as to either irreparable harm or good cause isn't
24 a way to run it.

25 THE COURT: Well, there's no evidence in front me.

1 MR. SHORE: No, there is no evidence in front of
2 you and quite frankly, that's a motion in and of -- or a reason
3 in and of itself to deny the motion to expedite until they get
4 evidence in front of you because you're abusing your discretion
5 if you're allowing this to proceed on a non-evidentiary basis.
6 There are real reasons they need to explain and questions we'd
7 like to ask with respect to what's the magic about April 1? I
8 hear more every time --

9 THE COURT: You mean August 1.

10 MR. SHORE: August 1. So let me turn to the
11 substance a bit and why it matters that we follow that
12 procedure to kind of come back on the 24th and address all of
13 these issues.

14 First, and it was touched upon in Mr. Friedman's
15 opening and more explained by him that the theory here is that
16 they're going to get an order of specific performance sometime
17 in August. Then they're going to go start their rights
18 offering, they're going to go get their debt ratings again,
19 they're going to raise public debt with the bank and try to put
20 the whole plan back together again. It's fundamentally flawed.
21 They can't do that. They can't do that because it violates New
22 York law which is going to apply here. We could debate whether
23 or not they have to allege in the complaint that they're
24 currently ready, willing, and able to close. I think they do.
25 I don't think the complaint says that. Quite frankly, I think

1 it's not true. They're not ready, willing, and able to close
2 right now. They've terminated their bank commitments, they
3 lost their debt rating, they have new GM agreements which were
4 just on today. Your Honor said they can't enter in an
5 agreement with GM outside the ordinary course and satisfy the
6 condition. They had those agreements today. They have not
7 been performing under the EPCA. As we put in the papers, they
8 haven't paid our fees. They can't stop performing the EPCA and
9 then seek specific performance --

10 THE COURT: Frankly, I think you better go on to
11 some other points besides your fees.

12 MR. SHORE: Fair enough, Your Honor. The point
13 being here is that when we get to trial or we get to summary
14 judgment, if they are not at that moment ready, willing, and
15 able to close the law says they can't have specific performance
16 because the alternate theory where they're going to take an
17 order of this Court that says you have specific performance,
18 the right to specific performance and shop that around, all
19 they have is an advisory opinion at that point. We get back to
20 the same problems which were addressed in the context of the
21 1142 motion. All that means is, and the reason we were saying
22 that this had to be done while all the commitments were in
23 place, and that would have raised a whole different set of
24 issues, they can't stop it all and then seek the remedy.

25 The second reason we should wait until the 16th is

1 I don't think you're getting necessarily a realistic view from
2 Delphi as to the issues that are going to be involved. Leaving
3 out fraud, 1142, equitable subordination, veil piercing is
4 another one that they're going to have to deal with in order to
5 get specific performance if they can't get to the funds unless
6 they pierce the veil from the investment entities. All of that
7 needs to be dealt with at some point. But if you say we're
8 just going to deal with the contract claim, that is do they get
9 specific performance?

10 We can talk about a separate issue which is if we
11 want to try the issue of whether the remedy of specific
12 performance is available under the facts and circumstances of
13 the case, that's a different issue. But with respect to
14 whether they get a decree of specific performance, the issue
15 there is we're past the closing date, outside date, the
16 terrible definition, and the termination has occurred. It's
17 not an invalid termination. The termination has been sent.
18 All parties are relieved of any obligation they're under except
19 for liability for any willful breach.

20 So the issue is going to be can Delphi establish
21 that the plan investors, each of the plan investors committed a
22 willful breach. If they didn't, then there's no liability on
23 anybody's part and I don't think Delphi is contesting that.
24 Whether or not we breached is determined whether or not they
25 satisfied all the conditions. Some of those conditions are

1 motion to dismiss issues from our perspective. Some of them
2 are summary judgment issues. Did they hit the equity
3 capitalization? They in our mind blew it by five million
4 shares clearly. That's a summary judgment issue. There's not
5 going to be a lot of testimony.

6 Other issues is whether the GM agreement affect
7 the business, whether there was a map in the operations of the
8 company. Those are extremely factually intensive. They're
9 going to require a lot of work from experts. The issues with
10 respect to drafting that Your Honor has already raised with
11 respect to a more evidentiary record on what some of this meant
12 are going to require taking depositions of drafts people,
13 taking depositions of the business people. The concept that
14 we're going to be doing that in essentially a two week period
15 between the date the documents have to be produced and the date
16 the expert reports have to be up is completely unworkable.
17 There's no explanation given as to how that's ever going to
18 work if you're going to take 60 depositions in two week period.
19 I don't even have a sense right now, because we haven't had our
20 26(f) conference, as to how many depositions Delphi is going to
21 want.

22 So I think just from the perspective of perceiving
23 today, I just don't think the Court -- it has the record before
24 it to expedite. I think we get the motion to dismiss up, we
25 deal with consolidation, we deal with interventions and all of

1 that and get back here to a point where you do have a sense of
2 how much discovery there is, how many depositions, how many
3 witnesses, how many documents. We're all going to be in a
4 better position. Motions to dismiss up and you can make it
5 either -- we can either hear it on that date or you can at
6 least review them to address the issue of how much of this is
7 going to go forward. It seems like a far more prudent way to
8 go.

9 Leaving aside the issue of cause, I think the
10 explanation that other cases have done it, we all have reasons
11 in cases like that for consenting and many times a defendant
12 will say you know what? I wanted to try the fraud case in
13 three weeks. We're not there yet. I don't think any of the
14 plan investors is there yet. Nobody is in a position to
15 understand just how much there is to get done to consent to an
16 expedited schedule. So we're not consenting to an expedited
17 schedule now. We're not consenting to the motion to shorten
18 time either. We think this matter should be kicked for a
19 couple of weeks to allow the record to be much more fully
20 developed and come back and allow Your Honor to make a reasoned
21 decision as to whether or not we can go forward. I think --

22 THE COURT: You said something I didn't -- maybe I
23 didn't hear you correctly. You said that you can litigate
24 where the remedy of specific performance exists?

25 MR. SHORE: Yes.

1 THE COURT: Okay. But how does that differ from -
2 -

3 MR. SHORE: Because that is one of those limited
4 issues. If you have established breach, now you're opening up
5 to all the conditions and all the different facets of Delphi's
6 business, corporate finance, employment, all those things.

7 THE COURT: Right.

8 MR. SHORE: If what you're talking about is
9 whether the remedy of specific performance exists, you have a
10 limited set of depositions. Who are the people involved at the
11 company, who are the people involved for the plan investors
12 with respect to drafting the provisions on waiver?

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. SHORE: You've got questions of delay and
15 they're seeking it are ones they can probably address on
16 papers. Whether they're ready, willing, and able to perform at
17 the time the decree of specific performance is a motion to
18 dismiss issue. You've got issues with respect to veil piercing
19 which I think are addressed as a matter of law because Delphi
20 is a signatory to that agreement. But to the extent that there
21 had to be some discovery, we're talking about doing that in a
22 two month period, coming back on August 1 and Delphi will know
23 give it up on specific performance. Different issue than is
24 there a breach which I just, practically speaking, I mean I
25 have my chart here, I've gone through it. I don't see how I go

1 about trying to sequence this in a manner where you're not
2 having expert depositions before the documents are in to make
3 it work in any practical fashion.

4 THE COURT: Does your chart take into account that
5 there was obviously an enormous amount of thought given to
6 whether there was a breach or not that led not only to the
7 dress rehearsal in March but also the termination letter and a
8 lot of letters in between?

9 MR. SHORE: I've provided, from my perspective, I
10 provided no time for our time to draft papers. We'll get you
11 papers. We can turn out papers. It takes a little bit of
12 time. I think it's better if people are given a few days to
13 deliver what's written. But what I'm talking about is trying
14 to schedule depositions of parties during July.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. SHORE: But third party witnesses --

17 THE COURT: No, I just wanted to ask you that
18 question.

19 MR. SHORE: Yes, it does. Certainly, we are up to
20 speed on the legal issues. My telling you that we'll file our
21 motion to dismiss in ten days which is -- or 11 days which is
22 earlier than they wanted us to and a week earlier than our
23 motion to dismiss is actually due, we'll do it. But to say
24 we're just going to put our heads down and people are going to
25 just have to wait with these depositions and not talk to

1 parties, nobody gets an opportunity to interpose
2 interrogatories, that stuff doesn't work. I've done trials
3 like that where depositions close before the documents are in
4 and it leads to ten hour cross examinations on the record
5 because you've never seen the witness before. That doesn't
6 help you.

7 THE COURT: Okay. I've read the other responses.
8 I think I know the differences between them, particularly the
9 Goldman Sachs one. People are free to state their case though
10 briefly if they want.

11 MR. LACY: Your Honor, I'll be brief. Robinson
12 Lacy, Seldan and Cromwell for Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs of
13 course did not carefully consider whether the conditions were
14 satisfied.

15 THE COURT: You are willing to go along with --

16 MR. LACY: We were prepared to go ahead. We
17 didn't go ahead because we know that some body else, we're not
18 sure who, but somebody else failed to perform and that relieved
19 Goldman Sachs of its obligations. So we're starting from
20 scratch. We were not a participant of any of the discussions
21 that happened before the closing date. We never signed the
22 common interest agreement. We were locked out of the room. We
23 are starting from scratch.

24 Your Honor, Part 7 rules basically incorporate the
25 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and those reflect 70 years of

1 deliberation and study and experiment and revision concerning
2 how to conduct a fair trial. They are sometimes thought to be
3 cumbersome in small cases or simple cases. They are designed
4 for big cases and this is a big complicated case and this is
5 the sort of case for which all of those procedures were
6 designed. Those rules have been revised at length in the last
7 10 or 15 years in particular to provide for preliminary
8 discovery and to provide for a Rule 26 conference, to provide
9 for a Rule 16 conference. The plaintiff's proposal is
10 scrapping all of those procedures.

11 It is not fair to the litigants to scrap the
12 procedure set out in the Part 7 rules unless there is cause.
13 You have to proceed on the basis that in this motion there is
14 no cause. You cannot find cause to shorten time.

15 In the first place, Delphi's papers allege nothing
16 that is going to happen in August or September or October.
17 There is no deadline, there is no event that makes it necessary
18 to get this thing done. We heard today for the first time that
19 there is in existence a PBGC waiver that ends on September
20 30th. We know nothing about PBGC's ruling as to extend that.
21 They have obviously extended repeatedly as the Court knows and
22 it's highly unlikely that the PBGC is going to sink this thing
23 if there is a plan in the offering.

24 The debtor's own conduct makes clear that there is
25 no urgency about this. Mr. Friedman can tell you that they

1 were busy doing other things but he was not busy doing anything
2 else. Mr. Friedman's firm, Susman Godfrey, were all free to
3 continue the litigation that was begun in March under the
4 directions the Court gave concerning the issues that needed to
5 be litigated on an evidentiary record and they dropped the ball
6 and went away. There was nothing that prevented Delphi from
7 continuing that litigation then or any other time before now.
8 There is no excuse for a ten week delay and then proposing a
9 schedule that requires us to finish the fact discovery in less
10 time than it took them to begin the proceeding.

11 Finally, even if there is some urgency now, it is
12 not legally cognizable as cause for shortening time because
13 whatever urgency there is now is the result of the plaintiff's
14 own conduct. They cannot create a crisis by waiting for ten
15 weeks and then ask to shorten cause on that basis. So if
16 there's any need for urgency, they created it and it is not
17 fair to put that on the defendants.

18 Your Honor has been at this for a while and you
19 are aware that litigants sometimes make procedural motions to
20 obtain tactical advantages. I don't see how the Court can
21 conclude anything except that this motion was made to obtain a
22 tactical advantage. Delphi itself obviously does not believe
23 this case is as urgent as [unintelligible]. We've waited nine
24 weeks. That's from the time that you denied their motion for
25 summary judgment. They obviously knew that there was a problem

1 before that. The proposed schedule that they've offered is
2 clearly abusive. It's manifestly undoable. They cannot expect
3 a fair finding of fact they cannot expect a fair application of
4 the law on the schedule they are proposing. This is completely
5 independent of the burden which they acknowledge they would
6 inflict on the defendants as part of it. So we have to take it
7 as a given that they are asking for something that is going to
8 depart severely from the well thought out standards of the
9 Federal Rules that is going to do it in a way which is going to
10 impair a fair fact finding and fair ventilation of the issues
11 and which is going to impose tremendous expense. They have no
12 real basis for saying there is urgency, and any urgency that
13 they do say exists is of their own making.

14 Then finally, Your Honor, if you are not startled
15 by the way in which this motion was brought on, then I have to
16 say I'm worried because to wait after the complaint was filed
17 on the 19th for another few days to serve this on the Friday
18 before a holiday weekend telling us that there was going to be
19 a hearing on the 29th which we'd be ordered to file papers on
20 the 28th -- Your Honor, the order that you were asked to sign
21 requires us to deliver papers to Delphi in Troy, Michigan
22 yesterday at 4. There is clearly an effort here to game the
23 rules to avoid being required -- to escape from the usual
24 procedural requirements of this Court. It is abuse. It should
25 be recognized as such, and the motion should be denied.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. ROSENTHAL: Good morning, Your Honor. Jeff
3 Rosenthal, Cleary Gottlieb. I represent UBS Securities in the
4 companion case that was filed that Mr. Buchdahl had referenced.

5 I think Mr. Lacy and Mr. Shore have covered most
6 of the comments that I wanted to make, but there's really just
7 two very short points that I wanted to add to what Mr. Lacy
8 just said one of which is Mr. Friedman argued that at the
9 appropriate time they want the ability to come to the Court and
10 show that specific performance is an available remedy, that
11 they don't have to be ready, willing, and able if they can pin
12 the fault on the defendants, and that the EPCA still allows for
13 that remedy despite the history of the EPCA. But they're in
14 the moment today. They have to show good cause today. They
15 have to show the Court today that this is an available remedy
16 because without that remedy, that's the only thing that's
17 driving the request for expedited treatment. Today, and in the
18 papers, they've shown nothing. They haven't cited a single
19 case that says that being ready, willing, and able in the past
20 allows them to get specific performance in the future. We've
21 cited a lot of cases [unintelligible] cited a lot to the
22 contrary. They don't cite anything to show that the EPCA
23 permits specific performance despite the disclosure statement
24 and despite the statements previously made to the Court. So on
25 the record today they can't carry the burden on this motion.

1 The only other thing that I want to mention, Your
2 Honor, is that with respect to the other cases that are cited,
3 Solutia and the like, even with bifurcation as Mr. Shore said,
4 we still have the big breach of contract issue that can't be
5 bifurcated. The other cases like Solutia, they were narrow
6 single issue cases is there are material adverse change, for
7 example, on almost all of them. Here we have --

8 THE COURT: Well, they delved into what the
9 contract meant as well.

10 MR. ROSENTHAL: But it's still, but it's an
11 interpretation issue, Your Honor. Here we have a lot of
12 conditions precedent that are an issue for discovery. There,
13 and in those other cases you've built up bottoms up schedules.

14 THE COURT: I would only take that so far given
15 the letters that I've read.

16 MR. ROSENTHAL: Well, this isn't that case, Your
17 Honor.

18 THE COURT: But I understand that there's a
19 difference between this case and the cases cited by the
20 debtors.

21 MR. ROSENTHAL: And obviously also the timing of
22 where we are relative to the transaction. That's all I have to
23 say, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Of course that issue also may affect
25 specific performance. Granted the debtors have not cited cases

1 on this point, but it seems to me that if a contract party's
2 breach is preventing the debtors from being ready, willing, and
3 able they don't necessarily have to do more than show that they
4 could be able to perform if that impediment, that breach were
5 resolved. But I agree there's no evidence in front of me today
6 showing that the debtor's lenders would be able to advance --

7 MR. ROSENTHAL: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: -- in the future. Which raises a
9 question that I have for Mr. Friedman, but I'll hear from the
10 other parties first before I ask him.

11 MR. FALCONE: Good morning, Your Honor. Marc
12 Falcone from Paul Weiss for defendant Merrill Lynch. I just
13 thought I'd make a couple of very simple points telling this
14 Court some things that have already been said. The rules
15 provide for certain boxes to be checked before a schedule is
16 set. They can be checked quickly and I think all of the
17 defendants are willing to work with the plaintiff to check
18 those boxes quickly, but they should be checked. If we're
19 going to try to expedite discovery in this day of electronic
20 documents, we should have discussions about whether search
21 terms can be agreed to. If we're going to try to set a short
22 schedule for depositions, we should at least know roughly how
23 many depositions we're talking about. We should know how many
24 third parties are going to be involved in discovery. We should
25 try to define the date range for documents that are going to be

1 searched. We should try to address very basic issues that have
2 dramatic impact on whether certain tasks can be done within a
3 certain time.

4 The cases, Your Honor, that talk about expedited
5 discovery generally show that parties that come to Court in a
6 contested proceeding asking for expedited discovery are
7 generally asking for things that are quite specific. In the
8 Notaro case the parties were asking to depose Ed Koch. That's
9 all that case was about. In other cases parties were asking
10 for specific depositions, a 30(b)(6) deposition here, a witness
11 there, for specific reasons, not sweeping orders setting a
12 schedule blindly without understanding the needs of the case
13 for every issue in the case.

14 The schedule, as Your Honor has observed, could
15 not have been proposed with any serious contemplation that
16 there would be summary judgment motions. Pretrial submissions
17 are due on the same day the fact discovery closes. We're
18 between there and when there'll be time to make summary
19 judgment motions much less have them duly considered.

20 We submit, Your Honor, that before setting a
21 schedule in this case certain boxes must be checked. We can do
22 that quickly. We can create a schedule that's both efficient
23 and fair.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. FALCONE: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: So the question I just wanted to ask
2 you, Mr. Friedman, is the debtors have not sought any
3 injunctive relief here and injunctive relief has its parameters
4 and focuses the parties on a specific set of facts that may
5 come up in the future. But today they don't seem to be
6 available which is probably why you haven't sought it. But
7 aren't many if not all of the defendants' issues resolved if
8 you have a somewhat more orderly process but reserved your
9 rights to seek injunctive relief if, you know, the facts
10 warrant it later this summer?

11 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, I don't think what
12 we're talking about here and what we're seeking here is in any
13 way analogous to injunctive relief.

14 THE COURT: I know, I know. But I'm saying that
15 if you have indications, for example, that you're not able to
16 negotiate an extension of the PBGC or that you have a window
17 where you can get financing that resolves these people's
18 issues, you know, to me that would make your case where you
19 have very discrete discovery and perhaps a basis for injunctive
20 relief. I mean I'm just wondering -- I know you're not seeking
21 injunctive relief --

22 MR. FRIEDMAN: Right.

23 THE COURT: -- today and I also know that despite
24 some of the case law the standard for expediting discovery is
25 an injunction standard. But why not reserve your rights on

1 getting injunctive relief when the facts, if they do, warrant
2 it, and otherwise going ahead? I mean yes, I can see there may
3 be some tactical basis in which you're seeking here including
4 keeping the pressure on these folks that they may have to end
5 up paying \$2 billion, \$5 million, \$30 million. But I think you
6 need to show more than a tactical advantage in order to
7 expedite discovery.

8 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, the fundamental reason
9 for seeking expedited discovery and expedited trial is that the
10 ongoing Chapter 11 causes harm and the litigation schedule
11 that's being proposed by the defendants, Mr. Shore said let's
12 have a conference on June 24 --

13 THE COURT: I understand. There's something in
14 between those two proposals I'm sure. But I mean this whole --
15 frankly, except if one focuses on litigation leverage, this
16 whole specific performance issue for me is a little bit
17 bizarre, frankly. Why you'd want these people at this point is
18 somewhat beyond me.

19 MR. FRIEDMAN: Well, the answer to that --

20 THE COURT: I've never seen more efforts to get
21 out of a deal ever. So you know -- yes, tell me your answer to
22 that.

23 MR. FRIEDMAN: Let me try to address, Your Honor,
24 some of the -- because I think I understand what's being raised
25 and the decision to bring this litigation by Delphi was a

1 decision based on the unfortunate reality that the plan
2 confirmed by this Court if it could be consummated is vastly
3 superior for Delphi's stakeholders as compared to any other
4 possible alternative. If there were another alternative then
5 the remedy of specific performance would be rejected. The
6 reason for the request for expedited proceedings is so that
7 Delphi will have the ability to develop a record to show that
8 specific performance is warranted under all the circumstances.
9 The concern we have today is that defendants are making all of
10 their arguments in opposition to the remedy of specific
11 performance based on law, based on facts in connection with the
12 effort to set an expedited schedule. The result is --

13 THE COURT: I understand that but I also have to
14 weigh in determining cause that there is a reason to go for
15 specific performance on this type of schedule. I mean so I
16 don't blame them for raising those points.

17 MR. FRIEDMAN: You know, and I understand --

18 THE COURT: But I'm not ruling on the merits on
19 these points but it's a significant factor in determining what
20 cause exists here.

21 MR. FRIEDMAN: Well, I understand the passion with
22 which some of the defendants' lawyers addressed the normal
23 rules and procedures and we all as lawyers respect and are
24 governed by those rules but those rules also provide for
25 expedited treatment in appropriate cases. The argument that

1 Delphi is making today is that when we look at the
2 extraordinary effort that went into developing the plan and
3 when we look at how everything had to come together in exactly
4 the right way in order to achieve confirmation, we're now in a
5 situation where unless there can be a judgment of specific
6 performance on an expedited basis, that plan cannot be
7 consummated and the years of work are just gone. The
8 fundamental problem that we have with the schedule proposed by
9 defendants is that if we put ourselves on a track where we're
10 addressing this legal issue and figuring out what are the
11 search terms for electronic discovery and then coming back in
12 July to set a schedule, then it doesn't matter at that point
13 even if the Court agrees with Delphi, it will be too late
14 because there's just a limit to how long Delphi can languish,
15 endure the burdens of Chapter 11. The costs are tremendous,
16 the uncertainty is tremendous. On April 4 Delphi was at a
17 point where --

18 THE COURT: I understand. I appreciate the
19 evidentiary burden of showing that you're being lashed and
20 confused, or lashed and harmed, but this is a company that just
21 was able to raise more money than expected to. You know, I
22 don't see it as a company that is, you know, like Camille
23 coughing on the doors of death. I just don't see that.
24 Frankly, you know, to be rushing with open arms for the fourth
25 time to try to bring these people in is a little bit

1 disconcerting. You know, it's --

2 MR. FRIEDMAN: Well --

3 THE COURT: So I think you're going to have to
4 give me more evidence than you've given me on this. I
5 understand the PBGC point and I can take judicial notice of the
6 terms of their waiver which I approved and their statements
7 made to the Court about their reservation of rights, and the
8 fact that the most recent statement very clearly put me on
9 notice as well as everyone else that their position at the end
10 of the summer may be quite different than it was while the EPCA
11 is pending.

12 But the issue I guess I'm facing is I'm not by any
13 means precluding consideration on a proper record which may be
14 appropriately expedited of specific performance as a remedy.
15 But it seems to me unless the debtors see themselves doing
16 something or things over the next few months that will moot
17 that remedy, it seems to me it's probably better suited with
18 forward development where you can look into everything that
19 you've alleged in the complaint which is not pretty. It's
20 quite ugly. It may not be true but that's why we have
21 discovery. Particularly given that it seems to me ultimately
22 what both parties would want here is a monetary solution as
23 opposed to a solution where people who you're accusing,
24 obviously with some evidentiary support or it wouldn't be in
25 the complaint, of fraud and perhaps securities law violations

1 picking your port. I mean, you know, it's like a country
2 western song, how many times are you going to cheat on me? All
3 right? Now, that's why you have a trial and that's why you
4 have a lengthy discovery as opposed to rushing through it.
5 Unless I'm convinced that that remedy truly is mooted, it seems
6 to me it's fair to both sides to have a longer discovery
7 period.

8 MR. FRIEDMAN: Well, in thinking about what
9 actions would moot the remedy, Delphi, because it has a
10 fiduciary duty to do so, is pursuing efforts to develop and
11 modify the plan.

12 THE COURT: I understand that, but those are
13 efforts to develop; right?

14 MR. FRIEDMAN: Yes, but --

15 THE COURT: Now that -- listen, you've already
16 told me with some credibility that I can't accept the fact that
17 April 4th has come and gone as a basis for relieving the
18 investors of their obligation since you contend they were the
19 reason it came and went. You've similarly told me I can't
20 relieve them of their obligations because as you allege as a
21 result of their breach you terminated the financing commitments
22 and the rights offering and sent the money back that people
23 were willing to put up as part of a rights offering. So it
24 seems to me that it's just one more thing you're going to tell
25 me that your negotiations with other parties on an alternative

1 plan wouldn't relieve these people of their breach either.

2 I mean unless it's an actual closing, then I
3 understand it. I understand that. But it seems to me you can
4 weigh whether to close or not on an alternative plan by what's
5 coming out of the discovery and by how the trial is progressing
6 including summary judgment motions on whether specific
7 performance based on discovery exists, dealing with motions to
8 dismiss before then. I mean, you know, people evaluate these
9 things as they go along. Anyway, that's really where I'm
10 coming out on this.

11 MR. FRIEDMAN: I certainly understand, Your Honor.
12 The one thing I would say is that as Delphi pursues its efforts
13 and develops a plan and embarks on a process of resolicitation
14 the choice that Delphi will face on or about September 30 is do
15 you consummate a modified plan --

16 THE COURT: I understand that.

17 MR. FRIEDMAN: -- or do you roll the dice --

18 THE COURT: But that's why I raised the injunction
19 for. If the choice becomes acute following discovery, I don't
20 see why you don't have a remedy in the injunction at that
21 point. I mean I -- I don't know. So --

22 MR. FRIEDMAN: May I just address, Your Honor, a
23 couple of practical considerations?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 MR. FRIEDMAN: You know, one is I think everybody

1 -- I think there's general agreement or at least not strenuous
2 opposition to the idea that defendants would file a motion to
3 dismiss if that's what they're doing on June 13th.

4 THE COURT: I thought I was signaling this before.
5 I'm going to be clear. It seems to me that what should happen
6 here is the defendants should meet no later than Tuesday next
7 week and have their conference with you. I think the committee
8 should participate in that conference so that we don't have a
9 second go around if I grant the committee's motion to
10 intervene, and that you should talk about an expedited
11 discovery schedule and an expedited schedule on filing motions
12 to dismiss and summary judgment but that it should be focused,
13 if you can focus it, on at least getting key discovery issues
14 complete on the specific performance issue and the fact
15 discovery in July. As far as the trial is concerned, you know,
16 I think your schedule is too ambitious. I don't frankly see
17 this as 60 witnesses type of case, but you all have to talk
18 that through and I'll hold a conference on it. I'm happy to
19 carry this motion to be heard after you have that conference.

20 Again, I don't know how many witnesses you want to
21 depose, for example. I don't think I can really deal with
22 discovery issues until I do that. I think the other points,
23 the e-discovery protocol, who the parties are, I think this can
24 be dealt with pretty simply. If people are being
25 obstructionist or alternatively if people are pushing too hard

1 for expedition, then I'll deal with that. But I trust, as
2 Mr. Falcone said and as you said, that that won't be the case,
3 and that what you all will be talking about is not a schedule
4 that moots the relief or that puts undue pressure on the
5 parties but deals with a practical situation which is
6 developing this factual record in a way that would enable me to
7 make a decision if there's not a resolution of the matter.
8 Frankly, I'm working off of the timetable that I was focusing
9 on in March which I believe would have enabled me to make the
10 decision on an injunction basis at least around April 4th. So
11 you may not be complete in discovery then but I think you could
12 take the main actors by then.

13 As far as third party discovery is concerned, it
14 seems to me if the debtor had the commitments, it had the
15 commitments. If the people were ready to fund, you know, if
16 they were ready to fund I don't see why you need to do more
17 than that unless there's something fishy in the commitments.
18 The documents pretty much are going to speak for themselves.

19 So I think the focuses are going to be on terms
20 that the parties think may be ambiguous and the agreements mean
21 based upon the parties course of dealing in conduct. The
22 issues that were all -- you were here I think, but we all had a
23 dress rehearsal for this in March and people knew pretty well
24 then what discovery would need to be taken.

25 MR. FRIEDMAN: I would think, Your Honor, that to

1 be efficient the expedited discovery needs to include the issue
2 of whether or not the plan investors breached their contractual
3 obligation and whether or not Delphi complied with the
4 conditions applicable to.

5 THE COURT: Right. That's what I'm talking about.

6 MR. FRIEDMAN: Then the idea, Your Honor, is that
7 we would have a meeting on Tuesday of next week and --

8 THE COURT: Well, or Monday or tomorrow.

9 MR. FRIEDMAN: Try to --

10 THE COURT: Or this afternoon since you're all
11 here. Then if you don't have agreement you could come back
12 June 4th or June 9th which is a Monday.

13 MR. FRIEDMAN: If it's convenient for Your Honor's
14 schedule, may we have June 4 and --

15 THE COURT: I'll give you that date --

16 MR. FRIEDMAN: If we need it.

17 THE COURT: -- if you need it. I'm hopeful though
18 that at a minimum you would have narrowed your points down
19 considerably. The committee's motion to intervene has not been
20 scheduled yet; right?

21 MR. WARNER: It has not, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Well, it would seem to me that
23 the issue there is primarily how active the committee is going
24 to be in the litigation and that's what you all should discuss
25 at the conference.

1 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, if --

2 THE COURT: I guess with the equity committee the
3 same thing. My guess is that both committees while reserving
4 their rights will probably be willing to let the debtors carry
5 the [inaudible] all the discovery and the like. Is that fair
6 to say?

7 MR. WARNER: It's very fair to say. We don't
8 intend to duplicate or supplant or replace. We intend to
9 assist and monitor and be involved as wholly appropriate.

10 THE COURT:

11 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, we're actually hopeful
12 that we'll be able to reach a resolution without the need for a
13 formal ruling or a formal intervention by the committees.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MS. STEINGART: That's what we were hoping for as
16 well. Certainly, while I can -- I'm not Mr. Joseph who leads
17 our counsel on this matter. I'm sure that he would anticipate
18 being cooperative and not creating any issues with respect to
19 additional or, you know, excessive discovery.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. WARNER: Your Honor, I don't want anything
22 that counsel just said to imply that we're agreeing not to go
23 forward with the motion. Counsel --

24 THE COURT: No, he just said he hopes that maybe
25 there could be an agreed order dealing with the motion.

1 MR. WARNER: I'm hoping to hear that.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. WARNER: But --

4 MS. STEINGART: As always.

5 MR. WARNER: As far as setting, we'll deal with
6 that after we have this conference.

7 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Are there any
8 questions? No? Okay. You don't have to wait till Tuesday.

9 MR. FRIEDMAN: No, I'm available this afternoon.
10 Thank you, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: So to be clear, I'm denying the motion
12 to expedite the hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for the
13 4th. I'm sorry, yes, for the 4th at 10 on the merits because I
14 believe that's sufficient notice. But I am hopeful that the
15 motion to expedite will be significantly narrowed based on your
16 discussions either this week or Monday or Tuesday of next week.

17 MR. WARNER: Your Honor, on behalf of the
18 committee we're hopeful that something will come out of those
19 discussions vis a vis the intervention, but can we go ahead and
20 just set it for the Court also in case we don't have some
21 agreement?

22 THE COURT: When did you file it?

23 MR. WARNER: Tuesday.

24 THE COURT: I don't think -- no, let's set it
25 further for a little bit more time on that. It will be heard.

1 I'd rather just have you all deal with it without the debtors
2 having to respond to it, just deal with it in your conferences
3 and I'd rather hear it in the light of what you've discussed in
4 your conferences because it may be largely resolved at that
5 point. So I'm not going to hear the committee's motion on the
6 4th. You can get somewhat -- I mean I'm not going to delay it
7 a long time.

8 MR. WARNER: The Court mentioned it had time on
9 the 9th. Should I use that date and ask --

10 THE COURT: Well, what's the -- is there a June
11 omnibus date?

12 MR. WARNER: June 24th, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Let's cross that -- I could
14 conceivably do it on the 9th but let's cross that bridge --
15 let's discuss it on the 4th.

16 MR. WARNER: On the 4th. Thank you.

17 MR. FRIEDMAN: Your Honor, I just want to make
18 sure I heard correctly. On the 4th we'll have the motion for
19 expedited discovery and trial --

20 THE COURT: Right.

21 MR. FRIEDMAN: -- to the extent we have to work
22 things out.

23 THE COURT: Right. I don't require any more
24 briefing on it obviously, but if you want to fill me in on what
25 the remaining issues are, I certainly would appreciate that

1 although I hope that it won't be many and I'm happy to hear
2 them without them being written down if they're not resolved
3 until shortly before the hearing.

4 MR. SHORE: Would you expect the 4th to be an
5 evidentiary hearing though?

6 THE COURT: I think the debtor is going to need to
7 give me some evidence.

8 MR. SHORE: Okay. I only raised it because I do
9 have an outstanding deposition notice then. So we're going to
10 have to deal with that in the time frame and we'll try to work
11 out a schedule. We may have to push it to the 9th if they
12 really want to proceed on an evidentiary case like that.

13 THE COURT: All right.

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